



Assessment Update for Parental Choice Schools

October 3, 2024

WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATES

Accountability

New:

2023-24 Preliminary Secure Report Cards - Now Available in SAFE

Secure preliminary versions of the 2023-24 school and district report cards are available in [SAFE](#), the Secure Access File Exchange, as of today **October 3rd**. As a preliminary and secure report, they contain potentially identifiable student information, and have not been redacted. As such, and because the report cards are preliminary and subject to change, **the secure reports and any information on the preliminary report cards may not be shared** with your local media, parents, or members of the community.

To ensure reporting is as accurate as possible, the secure release opens the [report card inquiry period](#), which will take place between October 3-14. This inquiry period is an opportunity for schools and districts to review report card data and work with OEA to address possible data submission errors prior to the final release of report cards. The 'Secure Release Checklist' found on the [report card resources webpage](#) provides step-by-step guidance on how to review report card data. **The last day to OPEN a data inquiry is Monday, October 14.**

The public release of final school and district report cards is scheduled for **November 19**. These report cards will include redaction to protect student privacy. At that time the public school and district report cards results will be widely available.

As a reminder, we have posted [report card resources](#) to guide your review of the preliminary report cards and assist with local report card interpretation and messaging. If you have questions about report cards, please [contact OEA](#). An announcement of this preliminary secure release to administrators will be archived on the [EdLeaders Dispatch webpage](#).

Reminders:

Changes to Achievement Scoring for the 2023-24 Report Cards

As a reminder, state assessments were updated for 2023-24, including new performance level categories and updated standards. The results from these updated assessments are included in the 2023-24 report cards. The scoring of achievement components on the 2023-24 report cards has also been modified to allow for comparability and stability in the system. Please review the "What's New" doc on the [report card resources webpage](#) to learn more about this one-year change. In the coming year, the DPI will convene a group of education stakeholders to help align report card cut scores to accurately communicate the success of schools and districts. If you have questions about report cards, please [contact OEA](#).

Assessment

2023-24 Assessment Data Public Release - October 8

An update was included in the [EdLeaders Dispatch](#) sent to District Administrators on Friday, September 27, announcing the public release of spring 2023-24 statewide assessment results for the Forward Exam, ACT, PreACT Secure, and DLM on October 8. A press release will be available on the DPI News Releases webpage and performance data from these assessments will be available in the [WISEdash public portal](#) for public schools and at [Parental Choice Assessment Results](#) for choice schools on that day. Several resources including the Assessment Data Release Parent Letter Template and the Assessment Data Release Talking Points are available on the [Office of Educational Accountability webpage](#). Additional resources are available for each assessment on the corresponding assessment's data and results webpage.

ACT

Reminder:

Please visit the [ACT webpage](#) for information, resources and dates.

PreACT Secure

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Forward Exam

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Technology System Requirements

DACs and DTCs should review the hardware and operating system requirements documentation for the 2024-25 administration to ensure student devices meet the minimum requirements for testing. Updated 2025 technology system requirements for student testing devices are available on the [Forward Exam Technology Requirements webpage](#).

Middle School Mathematics Session Change

Based on feedback from the After Testing Survey, the grades 6-8 calculator session has been split into two separate sessions beginning with the 2025 administration. This means the middle school Forward Exam mathematics exam will now be three sessions in total for grades 6-8. This change should make the mathematics sessions easier for schools to schedule and students to complete within a class period. The testing time has not changed for these grades. 2025 Testing Times are available on the [Forward Exam Resources webpage](#).

New Resources

As new resources are posted to our website, we will include them here for your convenience for a few weeks. This is NOT an exhaustive list but meant to highlight resources with significant relevance to our upcoming test windows.

Resource	Description	Assessment
System Requirements	Hardware and operating system requirements documentation for the 2024-25 administration.	Forward
2025 Test Times	Suggested testing times to be used only as guidance to assist with scheduling.	Forward



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